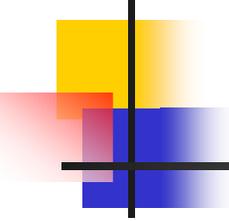


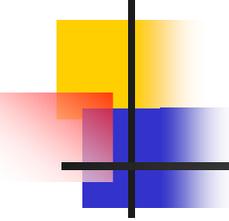
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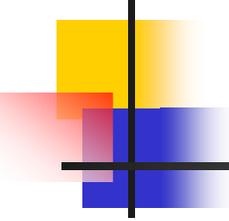
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AB 2121

“1259.4. (a) (1) On or before January 1, 2008, the board shall adopt principles and guidelines for maintaining instream flows in coastal streams from the Mattole River to San Francisco and in coastal streams entering northern San Pablo Bay, as part of state policy for water quality control adopted pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 13140) of Chapter 3 of Division 7, for the purposes of water right administration. (2) The board may adopt principles and guidelines for maintaining instream flows not described in paragraph (1), as part of state policy for water quality control adopted pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 13140) of Chapter 3 of Division 7, for the purposes of water right administration. (b) Prior to the adoption of principles and guidelines pursuant to subdivision (a), the board may consider the 2002 "Guidelines for Maintaining Instream Flows to Protect Fisheries Resources Downstream of Water Diversions in Mid-California Coastal Streams" for the purposes of water right administration.”



Key Dates for Policy Development

- Notice of Preparation of Substitute Environmental Document (SED) and scoping meeting--Mid July 2006
- Scoping Meeting--Mid August 2006
- Peer Review of Draft Policy and SED--March 2007
- Public Review of Draft Policy and SED--June 2007
- Final Draft Policy and SED--October 2007
- State Water Board Consideration--January 2008